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SUBJECT: GOA FAILURE TO PUBLISH STATEMENT ON EGAN KIDNAPPING

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1. AS FAR AS EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, STATEMENT ALONG LINES INDICATED IN REFTEL WAS NEVER ISSUED. EMBASSY HAS QUERIED FORNMIN OFFICIALS BELOW MINISTERIAL LEVEL WITHOUT RESULTS; THEY DO NOT KNOW WHY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DID NOT ISSUE IT.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH ROCAMORA AND VIGNES HAD AGREED TO PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT THE FOUR TERRORISTS WERE NOT IN GOA CUSTODY, PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITIES OR BY SECURITY SERVICES. ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR REJECTION MAY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY WELL-INFORMED NEWSMAN WHO TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 3 THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM SOURCES IN POLICE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOUR WAS IN FACT ALIVE AND IN THE HANDS OF THE AUTHORITIES. PRISONER HAD BEEN SO BADLY BEATEN DURING INTERROGATION, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE PUBLICLY DISPLAYED; HENCE, SECURITY AUTHORITIES THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO EVEN ADMIT HE ALIVE, AND, NEWSMAN SPECULATED, HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE FOR LONG.
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